

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—4)

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Lawless Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. Pages S546–50

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S546

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 2, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gordon P. Gallagher, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Gordon P. Gallagher, all post-cloture time be considered expired and that the confirmation votes on the nominations of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Gordon P. Gallagher be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Grey Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Page S550

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 34), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S550

Simmons, Jr. Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S556

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 49 yeas 48 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 32), Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. Pages S539–46

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—36) Pages S545–46, S550, S556

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S612.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2023 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on conservation and forestry programs, after receiving testimony from Terry J. Cosby, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Angela Coleman, Associate Chief, Forest Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and the economic risks to coastal communities, after receiving testimony from Sean Beckett, Elliott Bay Analytics, Alexandria, Virginia; Matthew Eby, First Street Foundation, New York, New York; Kate Michaud, Town of Warren, Rhode Island; Jessica Weinkle, University of North Carolina, Wilmington; and Marlo

Lewis, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Phillip A. Washington, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative

on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Eric W. Kneedler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, who was introduced by Senator Casey, Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOJ OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 67 public bills, H.R. 5, 1269–1334; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 36–38; H. Con. Res. 21; and H. Res. 189–193, were introduced. **Pages H1046–50**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1052–53**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation Act: The House passed H.R. 347, to require the Executive Office of the President to provide an inflation estimate with respect to Executive orders with a significant effect on the annual gross budget, by a recorded vote of 272 ayes to 148 noes, Roll No. 131. Consideration began yesterday, February 28th. **Pages H976–88**

Agreed to:

Perry amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that applies the bill's requirements to all "major Executive Orders" which cause an annual gross budgetary effect of at least \$1 million; **Pages H977–79**

Perry amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that requires a detailed description of any impact on the consumer price index; **Pages H979–80**

Yakym amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that requires the statement estimating inflationary effects to break down the type of inflation to the CPI's major categories of Food, Energy, and All Items Less Food and Energy; **Pages H982–83**

Bost amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that was debated on February 28th that requires that the inflationary report take into account the spending patterns of military personnel, rural areas, and farm households (by a recorded vote of 324 ayes to 83 noes, Roll No. 125); **Pages H983–84**

Boebert amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that was debated on February 28th that requires the inflation estimate to be made publicly available by publishing on the OMB website (by a recorded vote of 386 ayes to 31 noes, Roll No. 126); and **Pages H984–85**

Lee (NV) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that was debated on February 28th that clarifies that nothing in this bill suggests that combatting inflation and bringing down the cost of living is the executive branch's responsibility alone, and not also a key pursuit of the House of Representatives through thoughtful, productive legislative action (by a recorded vote of 364 ayes to 56 noes, Roll No. 129). **Pages H986–87**